Audit Exhibit A-5

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company Return on Common Equity Test Year Ended March 31, 2004 (\$000)

		_	SC Retail As Adjusted				SC Retail After Proposed Increase			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	Capital		Rate	Embedded	Overall	Income For	Rate	Embedded	Overall	Income For
Description	Structure*	Ratio	Base	Cost/Return	Cost/Return	Return	Base	Cost/Return	Cost/Return	Return
-	\$	%	\$	%	%	\$	\$	%	%	\$
Long Term Debt	1,985,152	46.96%	1,702,913	6.56%	3.08%	111,711	1,702,913	6.56%	3.08%	111,711
Preferred Stock	115,484	2.73%	98,998	6.40%	0.17%	6,336	98,998	6.40%	0.17%	6,336
Common Equity	2,126,984	50.31%	1,824,394	8.78%	4.42%	160,211	1,824,394	10.90%	5.49%	198,867
Totals	4,227,620	100.00%	3,626,305		7.67%	278,258	3,626,305		8.74%	316,914

^{*} Total Company Capital Structure as of August 31, 2004.